Bombay arrived at Bombay 14 hours behind the schedule time on November 9, 1987 because the commander walked out of the aircraft at Lucknow Airport;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government to avoid such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) There was no delay to flight IC-195 of 9-11-87. However, flight IC-195 of 7-11-87 operating on sector Bombay|Varanasi|Lucknow| Bombay, was initially delayed at Bombay by three hours and forty minutes due to technical snags. This flight got further delayed enroute and landed at Lucknow at 22 30 hrs., where the flight had to be night-stopped due to flight and Duty Time Limitations. After availing of the required rest by the crew, the flight departed next day *i.e.* on 8-11-1987 at 11.25 hrs.

(c) This was an isolated incident and as such no action is proposed to be taken

Irregularities in the A I.E.E. to Post Graduate Medical Courses

3497. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious irregularities have been found in the conduct of the recent All India Entrance Examination for admission to Post-graduate Medical Courses;

(b) whether candidates from outside Delhi are facing immense hardship due to the manner in which the examination is being conducted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to remove the irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Requests were received for grant of extension in the last date for receipt of application. The matter came up before the Supreme Court but the Court did not agree to change the date schedule

Withholding of increments of the employees of Bureau for Promotion of Urdu

3498. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the increments of the employees of the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu are being withheld frequently without giving them any chargesheets; and

(b) what is the number of employees whose increments have not been released and what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir There is only one case where the increment of an employee of the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu was withheld for want of recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee, since the increment related to the crossing of efficiency bar.

Ban on the use of equipment testing the Antibiotics

3499. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have banned the usage of same equipment for the formulation of two different anti-biotics;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the two anti-biotics *i.e.* Ampiciline and cephalexin, being formulated by M/s Jayant Vitamin Ltd. of Bombay are being formulated using the same equipment for these two Anti-biotics; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what action Government propose to take against such companies which are not adhering to the rules and regulations prescribed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Drugs Consultative Committee has taken a decision that Cephalosporin preparation should be manufactured in separate premises to the extent possible. Where it is not feasible, cephalosporine may be permitted to be manufactured in premises used for the manufacture of antibiotics other than pencillin.

(b) and (c) The State Drugs Control Authorities are the licensing Authorities for permitting manufacture of drugs in their States, Government is not aware whether M/s Jayant Vitamins Ltd., Bombay are formulating two antibiotics, Ampicillin and Cephalexin using same equipment.

रेलवे द्वारा चाय के मूल्य में वृद्धि

3500 **श्री सोहन लाल धूसिया** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 5 अक्तूबर, 1987 के बाद किन-किन रेलवे प्लेटफार्मों पर चाय की कीमत बढ़ाकर आठ आने में एक रुपया प्रति कप या कुल्हड़ कर दी गयी है तथा कीमत बढ़ाने का औचित्य क्या और किस आधार पर है ;

(ख) चाय के कप की कीमत में वृद्धि से रेलवे विभाग को अथवा ठेकेदार को कितना अतिरिक्त फायदा होने का अनुमान है ; और

(ग) चाय के कप की कीमत बढ़ाने का प्रस्ताव किस अधिकारी ने रखा था ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) से (ग) 150 मि० लि० चाय के कप का मूल्य सभी रेलों पर समान रूप से लागू होता है । रेल मंत्रालय ने कच्चे माल की कीमतों और कर्मचारियों की मजूरी में पर्याप्त वृद्धि हो जाने के कारण लगभग 4 वर्ष की अवधि के बाद मूल्य बढ़ाने का विनिश्चय किया है । यह वृद्धि अतिरिक्त लाभ प्राप्त करने के उद्देश्य से नहीं की गयी है ।

Indrail Passes

3501. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of Indrail passes sold during 1986 and so far in 1987;

(b) whether one of the reasons for decline in their sale is that these do not guarantee rail reservation; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce this facility for these passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The earnings from the sale of Indrail Pass tickets were as under:—

Year	Earnings in US Dollers
1986	7.50,813
1987 (unto July)	3,67,946

(b) No, Sir. Instant reservation on Indrail Pass tickets was not instantly ensured even from the inception of this scheme.

(c) No, Sir. Separate reservation quotas are earmarked on important trains for Indrail Pass ticket holders. They are also given preference in reservation out of emergency quota. A separate 'Central Space Control' has also been set up at New Delhi Railway Station with Telex and Computer facilities to arrange confirmed reservations for these persons.